

Remarks

Claims 1-13 are currently pending in the patent application. For the reasons and arguments set forth below, Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed invention is allowable over the cited references.

The instant Office Action dated December 17, 2007, notes that the drawings are objected to. The following rejections are noted: claims 2-3, 9-10 and 12-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112(2); claims 1, 4-5, 7-8 and 10-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Chang (US Patent No. 5,991,204) and claim 6 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Chang and further in view of Chen (US Patent No. 6,091,104)

The drawings have been amended as instructed by the Examiner. Applicant believes that these amendments to the drawings, made by a replacement sheet attached hereto, overcome the objection to the drawings.

Applicant respectfully traverses the Section 112(2) rejections of the claims because the various limitations referred to in the rejections should be understood by one of skill in the art, in that word-for-word correspondence is not required. Notwithstanding this, Applicant has amended the claims to address informalities relating to the rejections (e.g., strict antecedent basis). Specifically regarding claim 10, Applicant submits that the limitation “a spacer” may apply as the Examiner indicated, either as part of the aforesaid spacer or as a different spacer (*i.e.*, the claim covers both example embodiments). In this regard, Applicant believes that the Section 112(2) rejections should be removed.

In view of the above and the lack of any prior art rejection of claims 2-3, 9 and 12-13, Applicant understands the limitations in these claims to be allowable. Each of independent claims 1, 8 and 11 has been re-written to respectively include the limitations of claim 2, 9 and 12. In this regard, Applicant believes that each of the independent claims (1, 8 and 11) should also be allowable.

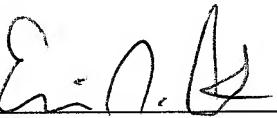
Applicant submits that the rejections of claims 4-7, which depend from claim 1, and of 10, which depends from claim 8, are no longer applicable in view of the above discussion. In this regard, further discussion of these rejections is omitted for brevity. Notwithstanding this, Applicant traverses any rejection of these claims, over the cited references, in view of the above amendments to independent claims 1 and 8 and reserves the opportunity to respond to any such rejection, if made.

In view of the remarks above, Applicant believes that each of the rejections has been overcome and the application is in condition for allowance. Should there be any remaining issues that could be readily addressed over the telephone, the Examiner is asked to contact the agent overseeing the application file, Peter Zawilska, of NXP Corporation at (408) 474-9063.

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Replacement Drawing Sheet